



Consulate General of the United States of America, Montreal

An Historical Exchange -- Montreal and Williamsburg: Pursuing the Study of Colonial History Together

Montreal, February 1, 2006 – The Château Ramezay Museum in Old Montreal now has a new partner to help tell its visitors about the history of Montreal – the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation in Virginia.

MUSÉE DU CHÂTEAU RAMEZAY MUSEUM

The Château Ramezay has won one of only 17 International Partnerships grants given to museums worldwide this year to establish and encourage cultural exchanges, joint projects, ongoing collaboration and cultural links with museums in the United States.

On February 1, during his visit to Montreal, U.S. Ambassador to Canada David H. Wilkins visited and personally congratulated the Château Ramezay's executive director Mr. André Delisle. He toured selected exhibits of Canada's and the United States' colonial history, including the oil on canvass portrait of Benjamin Franklin, a guest of the Château in 1776, and signed the Museum's guest book, as its latest visiting diplomat.

Mr. Delisle is working with Ms. Frances Burroughs from the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation to develop a multimedia educational project called *Revolutionary Choices*, a comprehensive analysis of the American Revolutionary War from an international perspective. Visitors to the Château Ramezay can look forward to seeing the results of this collaboration in 2007.

IPAM, the International Partnership Among Museums, founded in 1980, is funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs*. The U.S. Embassy and Consulates throughout Canada help identify and encourage such exchanges on behalf of IPAM and the U.S. Department of State.

IPAM has previously supported two other U.S. and Canadian institutions' project collaborations: Pier 21 in Halifax and New York's Ellis Island's cross-border immigration timeline and stories; and the MacMillan Space Centre in Vancouver and Space Center Houston's development of astronomy and International Space Station learning-resource modules for educators.

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